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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5258

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SUBJ: RHODESIAN DENIES BOTSWANA ALLEGATION OF IMPENDING
ATTACK

REF: GABORONE 0463

FOLLOWING BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT FEBRUARY 24

THAT "MAJOR ATTACK ON BOTSWANA BY THE SMITH REGIME IS
IMMINENT", HAWKINS TELEPHONE MORNING FEBRUARY 25 TO
DENY ALLEGATIONS, WHICH HE CALLED "HOGWASH." ACCORDING
TO HAWKINS, REASON FOR GOB ALLEGATION IS MOST LIKELY
FEAR OF RHODESIAN HOT PURSUIT RAID TO RECOVER TWENTY
SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEN WORKERS KIDNAPPED BY ZAPU FORCES
NEAR PLUMTREE. HAWKINS SAID HE CHECKED SALISBURY ON
POSSIBILITY OF RESCUE OPERATIONS AND WAS TOLD THIS WAS
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NOT RPT NOT CONTEMPLATED. HAWKINS OBSERVED THAT
PRESENCE OF UN TEAM IN BOTSWANA MADE IT OPPORTUNE
TIME FOR GOB TO MAKE ALLEGATIONS. HAWKINS ALSO
STATED THAT GOB REQUESTED URGENT MEETING WITH
SAG TO DISCUSS MATTER.
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